

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FIDELITY NATIONAL TITLE INSURANCE
COMPANY, *et al*,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

JAMES C. CASTLE AKA J. CHRISTOPHER
CASTLE, *et al*,

Defendants.

Case No.: 11-CV-896 YGR

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE: STRIKING
ANSWER OF DEFENDANT BEACH VIEW
ENTERPRISES, INC.**

TO CROSS-DEFENDANT BEACH VIEW ENTERPRISES, INC.:

YOU ARE ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE, in writing, why your answer and notice of appearance, filed October 7, 2013 (Dkt. Nos. 532, 533) should not be **stricken as improperly filed**. Beach View Enterprises, Inc. is alleged to be a corporation. In the notice of appearance and answer, Beach View Enterprises, Inc. appeared by its president, John E. Williamson, also a cross-defendant in this action.

A corporation cannot appear by one of its officers or without legal counsel. A corporation or other entity that is not a natural person must be represented by licensed counsel. *See, e.g., Rowland v. California Men's Colony*, 506 U.S. 194, 201–202 (1993) (noting that 28 U.S.C. § 1654 does not allow corporations, partnerships, or associations to appear in federal court other than through a licensed attorney); Civil L.R. 3–9(b) (“A corporation, unincorporated association, partnership or other such entity may appear only through a member of the bar of this Court.”).


By no later than **February 4, 2014**, Beach View Enterprises, Inc. must file a written response to this Order to Show Cause. If Beach View Enterprises, Inc. has not appeared by counsel at that

1 time, or filed a response indicating that it will appear by counsel by a date certain, the Court will
2 strike Beach View Enterprises, Inc.'s answer and appearance.

3 The Court further notes that Cross-Defendant John E. Williamson is named individually but
4 has not filed an answer on his own behalf. Cross-Defendant John E. Williamson is notified that
5 failure to file an answer timely may result in a default and default judgment being entered against
6 him on the cross-complaint of Prudential California Realty.

7 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

8 Date: January 22, 2014

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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE
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